

I see, with much regret, that the Commission is entertaining Broadband over Power Lines, and apparently doing so with zeal. What happened to our governmental officials representing us with objectivity?

As a licensed Amateur Radio operator who has remained active for thirty-five years having participated in areas of public service through the Military Affiliate Radio System, National Traffic System, and Radio Amateur Civilian Emergency System I have used the radio spectrum this ruling is about to render a wasteland of noise for long-distance communications in aid, or assistance, to the public.

We seem to be on a quest to replace the basics of communications with systems requiring discrete hardware and elusive technology for most in the name of progress. Do we not still teach our military basic survival skills or do we tell them to sit down and wait for technology they barely understand to save them?

The utilities have long proven an inability or unwillingness to maintain their low-technology lines as frequent Commission activities and rulings have proven when dealing with utility induced RFI. Issues aren't often resolved until the Commission, or I.C.C., rules mandate require it. We remember early cable TV and many other technologies and the way they rendered spectrum useless.

Please do not bow to the utilities and their P.A.C.'s to allow this technology to ruin use of the HF and lower-VHF spectrum. If the technology is so needed, specific infrastructure should accommodate its use to eliminate dependence upon already proven RF sieves the utilities carry power upon.